

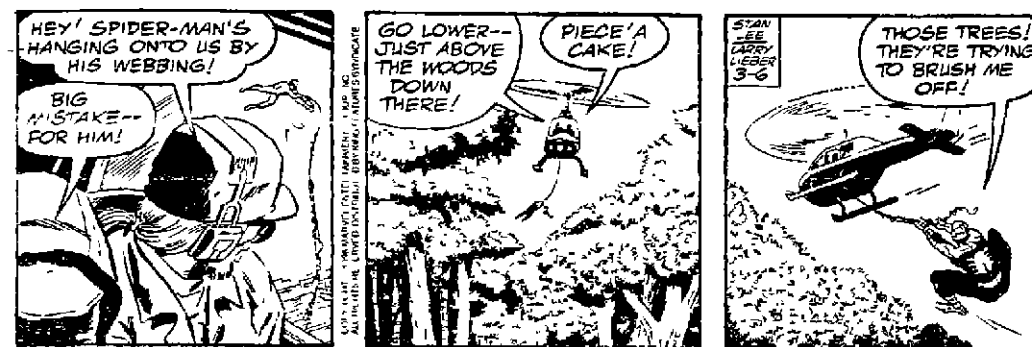
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SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



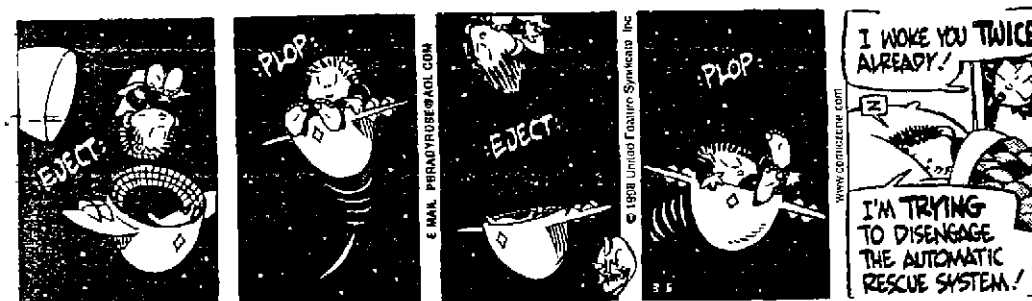
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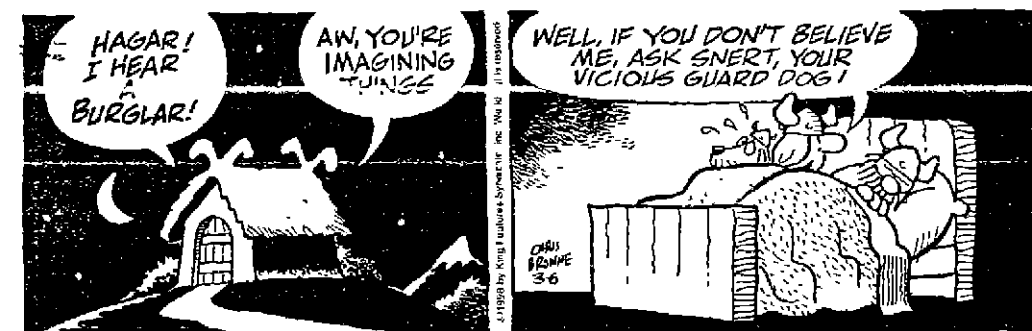
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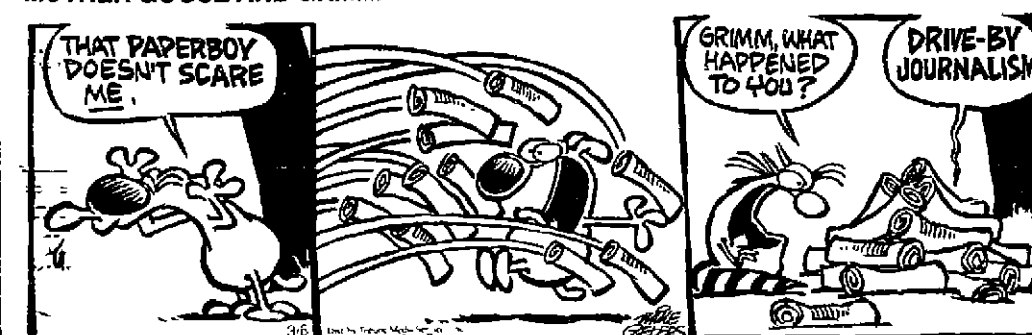
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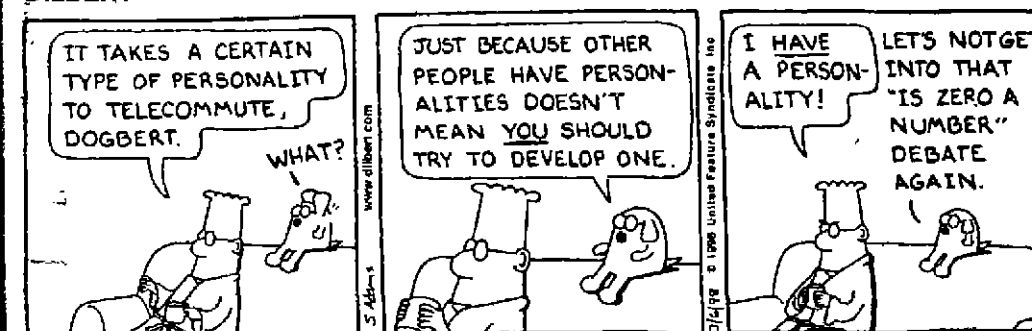
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MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



DILBERT



DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



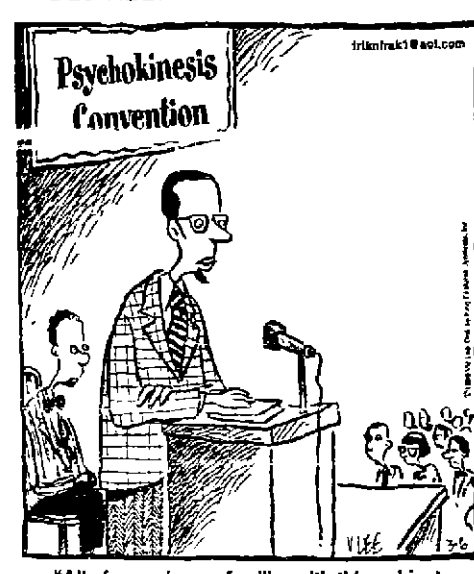
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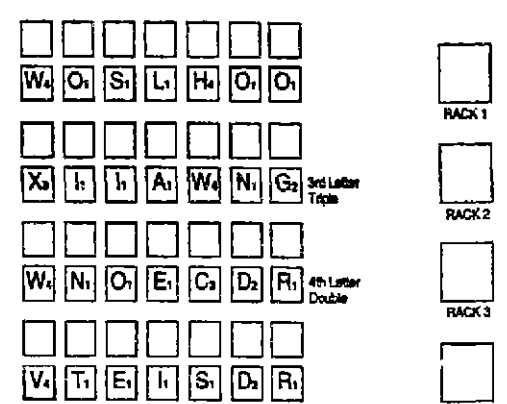
Today's Birthdays

TV personality Ed McMahon is 75. Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan is 72. Marion S. Barry Jr., mayor of Washington, D.C., is 62. Country singer Doug Dillard is 61. Actor Ben Murphy is 56. Singer Mary Wilson (The Supremes) is 54. Singer Kiki Dee is 51. Actor Tom Arnold is 39. Actress Moira Kelly is 30. Actress Amy Poehler ("Caroline in the City") is 29. Basketball player Shaquille O'Neal is 26.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE



PAR SCORE 110-120

by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL

TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam-Webster) and OGSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 3-6-98

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

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M U R O K H D A X U O N K H E
B Y R L V S P M J H E B Y V T
Q O P U L I G D E B Y W T R P
M K I M O F D L E E T S B Y W
U S Q B A L I G O M F K I F D
B Z X E H T F O N U R F N W U
S Q O R X R S N L I J E O H F
D C R E P P E P D A L Y T C W
V T T S I R G P N W S L T A Q
P N L K I H F E A I C B O Z W
Y W V U S R Q S H P G P C R N

Thursday's unlisted clue HARNESS

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Friday's unlisted clue hint: ALLOY OF IRON & CARBON

Coffee	Grist	Pepper	Stamp
Cotton	Hand	Rolling	Textile
Flour	Lumber	Run-of-the	Water
Gin	Paper	Saw	

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For solution, see Classified.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

"I guess I'll have to switch to another game," lamented today's South. "Others made an overtrick, but I didn't come close to making game." South took his diamond ace, cashed his two top spades, and led a low club toward dummy. West played low without pause, and South misguessed, inserting dummy's jack. East won his queen, cashed two diamonds and led a club, giving the defenders four tricks. Avoiding the trump exit, West led a club, and South was forced to ruff dummy's winner. There was no way to take the trump finesse, and South suffered a two-trick set. A few more perceptive declarers made an overtrick against the same opening lead. Why? After winning the diamond ace and cashing two spades, the successful declarers led a low club and won dummy's king when West ducked smoothly. Did they peek, or was it logic? It was logic. East's original pass

denied an opening bid, and West's "top-of-nothing" lead marked East with the K-Q-J of diamonds. Because South had to assume the trump finesse would win, East could not hold the club ace as well as the trump king. With both, he would have opened the bidding. After South "guesses correctly" and wins dummy's club king, the rest is easy. He discards his last club on dummy's spade queen and takes the winning trump finesse. Later he concedes two diamonds and scores an overtrick. Be careful of those 50-50 "guesses." One cannot evaluate the evidence unless he finds it.

Vulnerable Both
Dealer: East

The bidding
East South West North
Pass 1♥ Pass 2♥
Pass 4♥ All pass

Opening lead Diamond nine

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N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0123



ACROSS
1 "Huh-uh"
10 Star quality
15 Spread out, in a way
16 Root
17 Sunday drives?
18 1946 Literature Nobel
19 Extreme
20 "We the Living" author
21 Outdone
22 Pants specification
23 Imparts
24 Festive
27 Transplant need
28 Consternation
29 Sociopolitical movement
33 Sting
34 Where Swansea is
35 Light
36 Enter from the rear, maybe
38 Kid's comment
39 Toast beginning
40 Designer Lanvin
41 Stole from
43 First-place
44 Sheds, British-style
45 Sci-fi author Frederik
46 Burlesque
49 Before
50 Swedes, gastronomically speaking
52 Clear, in a way
53 Crash course?
54 Getup
55 Trivial

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

AFAR MUSE LIARS
LOVE IGOR INDUS
FOLEILLAREQUEST
ARE ORIP NURSES
AIDE OTOF
CROSSARIVEN HID
HARLEM MEN GERE
ELLIS JAN LANAI
FLOP ZAG TIOYING

CLUE: GOLF, POKER, FLOPS
GOLF, POKER, FLOPS

DOWN
1 "Big" of the comics page
2 Sign
3 Elevated, open country
4 Metric measure
5 Element #39
6 Holy wars
7 What CFC's deplete
8 Radio, e.g.
9 Some staffers, for short
10 Level
11 Chef Gardini's creation
12 Full of vigor
13 Onagers
14 Got ready to drive
21 Two-time Czech president
22 Busy bodies?
23 One gentleman of Verona
30 Bank claim
31 Where Baha'i began
32 Storage unit
34 Some guys
37 They
42 Certain navel, slangily
43 Boarded
44 Noted PBS newsman
48 Dark purple
49 "I'm - it!"
47 Bargain
48 Being
50 Agent, colloquially
51 Professional org. since 1847

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